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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (previously presented): A provisional femoral head, comprising:

a spherical body having a spherical exterior wall and a generally cylindrical internal aperture formed in a distal end of said spherical body, said cylindrical internal aperture defining a curved interior wall of said spherical body, said spherical body including a cutout spanning said spherical exterior wall and said curved interior wall of said spherical body, said cutout intersecting said internal aperture, said cutout sized whereby a provisional femoral neck can traverse said cutout to be positioned within said internal aperture.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A provisional femoral head, comprising:

a spherical body having a generally cylindrical internal aperture formed in a distal end thereof, said spherical body including a cutout intersecting said internal aperture, said cutout sized whereby a provisional femoral neck can traverse said cutout to be positioned within said internal aperture, said spherical body further including a clamp aperture sized to receive a blade end of a clamp.

Claim 3 (original): The provisional femoral head of Claim 1, wherein said spherical body further includes a vent aperture fluidly connecting said internal aperture and a proximal end of said spherical body.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): A provisional femoral head, comprising:

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a spherical body having a generally cylindrical internal aperture formed in a distal end of said spherical body, said internal aperture sized to accommodate a provisional femoral neck, said spherical body further including a vent aperture fluidly connecting said internal aperture and a proximal end of said spherical body, said spherical body further including a clamp aperture sized to receive a blade end of a clamp.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The provisional femoral head of Claim 5, wherein said spherical body includes a cutout intersecting said internal aperture, said cutout sized whereby a provisional femoral neck can traverse said cutout to be positioned within said internal aperture.

Claims 7-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (previously presented): The provisional femoral head of Claim 6, wherein said spherical body includes a spherical exterior wall, and wherein said internal aperture defines a curved interior wall of said spherical body, said cutout spanning said spherical exterior wall and said curved interior wall of said spherical body.

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~The provisional femoral head of Claim 16~~ A provisional femoral head, comprising:

a spherical body having a generally cylindrical internal aperture formed in a distal end of said spherical body, said internal aperture sized to accommodate a provisional femoral neck, said spherical body further including a clamp aperture sized to receive a blade end of a clamp, wherein said spherical body includes a spherical exterior wall, and wherein said generally cylindrical internal aperture defines a curved interior wall of said spherical body, said spherical body including a cutout spanning said spherical exterior wall and said curved interior wall of

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said spherical body, said cutout intersecting said internal aperture, said cutout sized whereby a provisional femoral neck can traverse said cutout to be positioned within said internal aperture.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A provisional femoral head, comprising:

a spherical body having a generally cylindrical internal aperture formed in a distal end of said spherical body, said internal aperture having a longitudinal axis; and  
means for allowing a provisional femoral neck to move radially relative to said longitudinal axis to be positioned in said internal aperture of said spherical body.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The provisional femoral head of Claim 18, wherein said spherical body further includes a clamp aperture sized to receive a blade end of a clamp.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A provisional femoral head, comprising:

a spherical body having a generally cylindrical internal aperture formed in a distal end of said spherical body, said internal aperture having a longitudinal axis, said spherical body including a radial cutout radially intersecting said internal aperture relative to said longitudinal axis of said internal aperture, said cutout sized whereby a provisional femoral neck can radially traverse said cutout to be positioned within said internal aperture.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The provisional femoral head of Claim 20, wherein said spherical body further includes a clamp aperture sized to receive a blade end of a clamp.